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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6287 BILL NUMBER: SB 25 **DATE PREPARED:** Mar 18, 2002 **BILL AMENDED:** Mar 14, 2002

SUBJECT: Fee Remission for Veterans' Children, University Bonding.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State

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<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> (CCR Amended) This bill extends the public college and university tuition and fee remission program to children of veterans who, after June 30, 1999, serve during a war or perform hazardous duty. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Commission on Military and Veterans Affairs.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Children of Veterans Fee Remission: This bill would increase the level of statutory fee remissions for state-supported colleges and universities. The university's general fund absorbs the costs of fee remissions. Universities must provide statutory remissions first; the remainder of the money is discretionary. As statutory requirements increase, the level of discretionary dollars decreases.

The number of individuals for whom the expanded benefits of this provision could affect is indeterminable. Since current law provides benefit for service before July 1, 1999, the impact of the bill would probably be minor for the next ten years.

Background Information: In FY 2000, the average award for individuals who received fee remissions from state-supported institutions under the current Children of Disabled Veterans statute amounted to \$1,183.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Higher Education Institutions.

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Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Table VIII of State Appropriation Requests for 2001-03 for Indiana University, Ball State University, Indiana State University, Indiana University, Ivy Tech, Purdue University, University of Southern Indiana, Vincennes University.

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